

1599] STRANGE AND MIRACULOUS
ACCIDENT

woman was delivered of her child, not monstrous
or misshapen,
but a well shaped man child and of a right
haman figure with
all his limbs , but being a week old and above it
began to grow
grievous sick and at last lay with such faintness
that~the father,
thinking it had been dead, said, * Alas, it is done *
But being
returned to itself again, at night about seven of
the clock the
13th of January, and casting up his eyes to heaven
and thusung
out his arms and fists through anguish, it spake
these words three
times * O my God , O my God , O my God which
-words

were spoken with such distinction that between
each time one
might have spoken two or three words This was
done in the
presence of the father and the mother and two
other women

The child growing sicker about two in the
morning mumbled
certain other words, amongst which were
understood that he
said, ' Aye me Aye me Aye me ', but how often it
is not
remembered

2ist February A HISTORY OF HENRY THE
FOURTH

There is newly come forth a book called *The
First part of the
life and reign of King Henry the III I*, extending to
the end of the
first year of his reign, written by Dr John
Hayward, treating
principally of the deposition and death of King
Richard the
Second The dedication is to my Lord of Essex,
with an Epistle
in Latin in these terms ' *Apud Wm /ecu ycvvaiores Tw,
optimo &
Nobilissimo (inquit Euripides) ex qua sententia tu
primus ac
solus fere occurrebas (illustrissime comes) emus
nomen si
Hennci nostri fronti radiaret, ipse & laetior &
tntior in vulgus
prodiret Magnus siquidem es, & presenti iudicio,
& futuri
tempons expectatione in quo, veluti recuperasse
nunc oculos,*

caeca pñus fortuna videri potest Dum cumulare
 hononbus
 eum gestit, qui omnibus virtutibus est insigmtus
 Hunc igitur
 si laeta fronte excipere dignens, sub normms tm
 vmbra (tanquam
 sub *Aiacis* dipio *Teucer* ille *Homericus*) tutissime
 latebit Dens
 opt max celsitudinem tuarn nobis, reique publics
 diu seruet
 mcolumem * quo nos vz tarn fide quam armis
 potenti tua
 dextra defensi, vltique, diutina, cum secuntate
 tram glona per-
 fruamur.' To which there is added an epistle of ° A
 P. to the
 Reader ' concerning the profitable nature of the
 faithful records
 of history.